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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1088

DATE PREPARED: Dec 2, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Gaming Enforcement Bureau of State Police.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Gaming Enforcement Bureau of the State Police Department to: (1) investigate riverboat license applicants and riverboat license holders on behalf of the Indiana Gaming Commission; and (2) enforce the gaming laws and rules of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana State Police (State Police) would likely incur minimal administrative time and cost in the reorganization of its current Gaming Enforcement Division within the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. In addition, personnel staffing levels within the Bureau of Field Operations would be less likely to fluctuate as the result of permanently assigning personnel to the Gaming Enforcement Bureau in accordance with this bill.

Background Information: The Gaming Enforcement Division currently falls under the purview of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation within the State Police. Of the estimated 550 personnel assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, approximately 120 are assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Division. (The Gaming Enforcement Division primarily consists of non-civilian personnel who hold the rank of "Trooper".) The Gaming Enforcement Division is comprised of two units: 1) the Background Investigative Unit (BIU); and 2) the Riverboat Investigative Unit (RIU).

Background Investigative Unit

The BIU is responsible for conducting background investigations of the owners, key management personnel and employees of the riverboat license holders and applicants, as well as riverboat supplier license holders and applicants. In addition, the BIU assists the RIU in long-term detailed gaming investigations. The BIU consists of approximately 10 to 15 personnel of which most are enforcement officers.

Riverboat Investigative Unit

The RIU is responsible for serving as the enforcement arm of the Indiana Gaming Commission on Indiana's ten riverboats. RIU personnel investigate violations of State law and Indiana Gaming Commission rules. The State Police assigns nine enforcement personnel to each riverboat, respectively, totaling approximately 90 enforcement personnel in all. The RIU is comprised of a North and South Division.

The State Police currently utilizes a one-year rotation system to fill vacancies within the RIU (the BIU is permanently staffed). It fills approximately 85% through a competitive hiring process and approximately 15% through a lottery system. The State Police report that when personnel are transferred to RIU from the Bureau of Field Operations (highway patrol), new recruits are used to fill those vacancies. (Currently, there are approximately 50 recruits in training.)

Bureau of Field Operations

The Bureau of Field Operations is comprised of three divisions: 1) the North Field Operations; 2) the Central Field Operations; and 3) the South Field Operations. Enforcement personnel of these three divisions total approximately 1,000.

There are approximately 2,239 authorized enforcement and civilian positions for the State Police in total.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Steve Hillman, State Police, (317) 232-8204; State Manning Table (November 2000).